



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 4966



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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **452**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND MOHEGAN FUND."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 3-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

5 (a) There is established the "Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan
6 Fund" which shall be a separate nonlapsing fund. All funds received by
7 the state of Connecticut from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe pursuant
8 to the joint memorandum of understanding entered into by and
9 between the state and the tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended on April
10 30, 1993, and any successor thereto, shall be deposited in the General
11 Fund. [During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year
12 thereafter from the funds received by the state from the tribe pursuant
13 to said joint memorandum of understanding, as amended, and any
14 successor thereto, an amount equal to the appropriation to the

15 Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund for Grants to Towns shall be
16 transferred to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund and shall
17 be distributed by the Office of Policy and Management, during said
18 fiscal year, in accordance with the provisions of section 3-55j.] Transfers
19 of such funds shall be made from the General Fund to the Mashantucket
20 Pequot and Mohegan Fund and distributed by the Secretary of the
21 Office of Policy and Management, in accordance with the provisions of
22 section 3-55j, as amended by this act, as follows: (1) For the fiscal years
23 ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2023, inclusive, an amount equal to the
24 appropriation to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund for
25 Grants to Towns; (2) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, seventy-
26 one million four hundred eighty-one thousand seven hundred eighty-
27 nine dollars; (3) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, ninety-one
28 million four hundred eighty-one thousand seven hundred eighty-nine
29 dollars; (4) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, one hundred eleven
30 million four hundred eighty-one thousand seven hundred eighty-nine
31 dollars; and (5) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and each fiscal
32 year thereafter, one hundred thirty-five million nine thousand dollars.

33 (b) The amount of the grant payable to each municipality during any
34 fiscal year, in accordance with said section, shall be reduced
35 proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds the amount of funds
36 available for such year. The grant shall be paid in three installments as
37 follows: The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall,
38 annually, not later than the fifteenth day of December, the fifteenth day
39 of March and the fifteenth day of June certify to the Comptroller the
40 amount due each municipality under the provisions of section 3-55j, as
41 amended by this act, and the Comptroller shall draw an order on the
42 Treasurer on or before the fifth business day following the fifteenth day
43 of December, the fifth business day following the fifteenth day of March
44 and the fifth business day following the fifteenth day of June and the
45 Treasurer shall pay the amount thereof to such municipality on or before
46 the first day of January, the first day of April and the thirtieth day of
47 June.

48 (c) The transfers from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot

49 and Mohegan Fund required by subsection (a) of this section shall not
 50 be reduced except upon (1) submission to the General Assembly by the
 51 Governor of a certification of an emergency requiring such reduction;
 52 and (2) a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the
 53 General Assembly approving such reduction.

54 Sec. 2. Section 3-55j of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is
 55 amended by adding subsection (m) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

56 (NEW) (m) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal
 57 year thereafter, three thousand dollars of the moneys available in the
 58 Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established pursuant to
 59 section 3-55i, as amended by this act, shall be paid to each of the three
 60 tribes identified as The Schaghticoke, the Paucatuck Eastern Pequot and
 61 the Golden Hill Paugussett, provided such moneys shall not be used by
 62 any of said tribes in connection with any legal claim made by said tribe
 63 against the state or federal government.

64 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,
 65 in addition to any amounts paid pursuant to section 36 of special act 21-
 66 15 of the general statutes, nine thousand dollars shall be transferred
 67 from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund,
 68 and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall pay
 69 three thousand dollars from such amount transferred to each of the
 70 three tribes identified as The Schaghticoke, the Paucatuck Eastern
 71 Pequot and the Golden Hill Paugussett."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	3-55i
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	3-55j
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section